



**National Park of American Samoa (NPOAS) Dedicates its
New Visitor Center-By M. Lafaele**



April 24, 2013- A dedication ceremony was held today to officially open the new Visitor Center for the National Park of American Samoa. The Visitor Center features exhibits of various interactive and touchable cultural and traditional artifacts as well as educational models of the islands that make up American Samoa. "The Visitor Center will hopefully be a gateway to the heart of Samoan Life..." said NPOAS Superintendent Jim Bacon during his special remarks.

Among those who attended the dedication ceremony were Reverend Fa'atauva'a Aloelua, Governor Lolo Matalasi Moliga and First Lady Cynthia Moliga, Hawaii Pacific Parks Association (HPPA) Board Director Fred Cachola, members of the ASG Cabinet, Federal Government, and business community.

"It is our duty to help protect and preserve our environment and culture, because they are divine gifts from God..." said Reverend Aloelua, before he rendered the ceremony's opening prayer.

NPOA Superintendent Jim Bacon, in his special remarks recalled Governor Lolo's Flag Day Address and how he reminded the people about the journey forged by the wisdom of our forefathers in bestowing our sovereignty in exchange for social, economic, and cultural security and stability.

The HPPA Board Director—Mr. Fred Cachola presented Governor Lolo with gifts from Hawaii to show their appreciation for the invitation to attend the NPOAS Visitor Center Dedication Ceremony. He said American Samoans and Hawaiians share the concern to preserve and protect their culture, because once they are gone, they are gone forever.

Governor Lolo during his remarks said he was reminded of our Great Nation of America in their benevolence in helping us protect and pre-



serve our culture and way of life. He thanked all those involved in the efforts that made the Visi

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A secretary, personal assistant, or administrative assistant is a person whose work consists of supporting management, including executives, using a variety of project management, communication, or organizational skills. These functions may be entirely carried out to assist one other employee or may be for the benefit of more than one. In other situations a secretary is an officer of a society or organization who deals with correspondence, admits new members, and organizes official meetings



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tor Center Opening possible and congratulated the National Park of American Samoa for their accomplishment.

The honor of cutting the ribbon was given to Governor Lolo M. Moliga and First Lady Cynthia Moliga, and a tour of the building followed for all the guests that attended the ceremony.

The National Park of American Samoa thanks Hawaii Pacific Parks Association, Labour Day Atanoa and the Afonotele Elementary School, Pa'u Roy Ausage and Joe Iosua of Youth's and Women's Affairs, MHJ Management, Howard Helg, Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services, and Sky View for their dona-

tions. For more information about The NPOAS Visitor Center, please call 684-633-7082 or visit their website at <http://www.nps.gov/>



ASCC Students Assisting Manu'a Residents

By: James Kneubuhl



Thirteen students from the Nursing Program at the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) will be in Ta'u, Manu'a from Monday, April 29th to Friday, May 3rd as part of a community outreach project to share information on healthy living and assist residents in understanding the diagnosis, treatments and medications associated with various diseases and disorders common to American Samoa. The ASCC nursing students will visit homes and schools within the villages of Ta'u, Fitiuta, and Faleasao to provide health education on asthma, foot sepsis, hypertension, diabetes, and skin disorders. They will also visit Manu'a High School to discuss the ASCC Nursing Program, assist the Public Health nurses at the Ta'u dispensary with care, and give flu shots.

The outreach project has been organized by the ASCC Nursing Department and its students working towards Registered Nurse (RN) certification, along with the American Samoa Area Health Education Center (ASAHEC). Participating students are enrolled in the class Adult Health II (NUR 207) and have had experience in the leadership and management components of the course through working in the Medical/Surgical, Operating Room, Intensive Care Unit, and Emergency Department at LBJ Hospital. "These students know the responsibilities of a Registered Nurse in the clinical area", said ASCC Nursing Department chairperson Lele Ah Mu, "and the visit to Ta'u will provide them with the opportunity to apply these skills in a traditional village context."

ASG Departments to Adopt a School



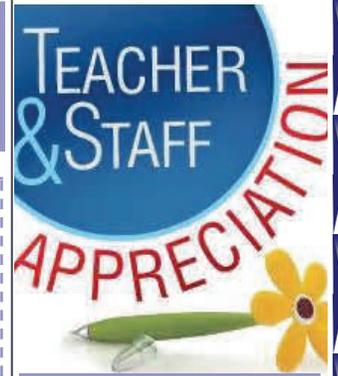
April 25, 2013-Government departments and agencies will be adopting a private or public school to improve under a new initiative announced by the Lolo-Lemanu Administration at a cabinet meeting today. Governor Lolo says one of the biggest concerns the administration is the conditions of school facilities both public and private. He said parents and the departments of Education and Public Works can't do it alone. The governor emphasized that it will take a community effort to lift the level of school facilities which will in turn improve accreditation of schools in the territory. Lolo said when he was president of the Development Bank of American Samoa, he made it a point to sponsor a school which DBAS staff would visit

quarterly to paint school buildings, mow the lawn or even serve as role models in the classrooms. The governor wants something similar to happen in all schools with the help of government departments and agencies.

A document was passed around during the cabinet meeting so that each director can identify which school his/her department will be sponsoring. Lolo said the Governor's Office will be sponsoring Fagaitua and Manu'a schools and asked that big departments such as the American Samoa Power Authority and the American Samoa Telecommunications Authority pledge to sponsor schools that are in need of major improvement. He suggested that the directors work out a plan of when they would visit the schools and perform community service.

At today's cabinet meeting the governor acknowledged the new directors on board, ASTCA CEO, Moefa'auo William Bill Emmesley and head of the newly-established Office of Fraud, Prevention and Investigations, Save Liuato Tuitele. Lolo said the role Save will play is important to efforts by the Lolo-Lemanu administration to address any possible corruption, waste, fraud and abuse within government.

Source: talanei.com



Most countries have a designated day or week to show their appreciation of teachers. Since 1994, there has been an annual recognition of a World Teachers' Day holiday on October 5th. However, numerous countries recognize teachers for their vital contribution to education and development on different dates.

In the United States, Teacher Appreciation Day is celebrated on the Tuesday during Teacher Appreciation Week. Teacher Appreciation Week takes place the first full week of May. An exception to this is the state of Massachusetts.

Teachers' Appreciation Week-By: ASG Wkly Staff

Every year the Department of Education (DOE) recognizes and celebrates its teachers during Teachers' Appreciation Week on the first week of May and this year is no exception. Governor Lolo Moliga issued a proclamation last week declaring the Week of May 6th - 10th, 2013 as the Teachers' Appreciation Week. In his official statement, the Governor encourages all residents of American Samoa "to join together to pay tribute to our school teachers and acknowledge the impact that teachers have on our lives." Furthermore, he states that it is vital

to recognize our teachers for their dedication and commitment for it is through their hard work that has allowed "considerable progress in the social, technological, and scientific fields."

Students look forward to this week-long event as much as the teachers and administrators do. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to shower their favorite teachers with

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Ah Mu emphasized the importance of the Nursing students applying their knowledge in an unfamiliar setting. "This will give them a broader perspective on good communication skills and proper patient interaction as they put their health knowledge and care experience into practice", she said. "They have a firm understanding of the common diseases and disorders that commonly afflict the people of American Samoa, and this part of their training will give them experience applying that knowledge on a human level." The travelling student group consists of eight young ladies: Audrey Mauga, Fa'afaetai Tau,

Fa'asili Feleti, Marsha Scratch, Renna Salanoa, Senerita Letufuga, To'elau Tuiasosopo, and Tu'u Panama; and five gentlemen: Don Eric Sebastian, Ritchell Toribio, Setoga Siatu'u, Shane Chen, and Staniel Dimaya.

Funding for the trip has been provided by ASAHEC and the American Samoa Department of Education Scholarship Program for Nursing. Ah Mu said that in the fall 2013 semester there are tentative plans for the ASCC Practical Nursing (PN) students to make a similar trip, during which they hope to serve Ofu, Olosega and Sili. For more information on the ASCC Nursing Program, call 699-1586.

Teacher's Appreciation cont'd

turn, show appreciation for their students. Throughout the week of, each school will have their own activity planned to celebrate their teachers.

This year with its new leadership, DOE has decided to try new things for a CHANGE. All the public schools have been divided into four divisions according to their respective locations - West, Mid-West, Central and East. Each division will plan their own activities for the week. The Mid-West Division consisting of schools in the Tualauta district will hold a dinner at the Lee Auditorium on Thursday, May 9th, 2013 for all their teachers. The annual Secondary Music Festival will also take place during the week on Thursday at noon at the Lee Auditorium. Every high school on island will partake in this yearly event not only to showcase the music talents of their students but also in celebration of Teachers' Appreciation Week. The highlight and tualuga of the annual week-long celebration

will be on Friday, May 10th, 2013. The DOE Director has already declared that Friday an Activity Day for the entire department island-wide and a day off for the students. All the teachers and administrators are invited to the Stadium for a fun-filled day of games, food, and socializing. There will also be a parade as it will be the Director's first appearance before all the teachers at the same time.



Take a Look!

